



*Welcome to*

# ORONAZ

OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## WELCOME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

**THANKS FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP AT ORONAZ!** Please fill out a Connection Card via the Church Center app on your phone (see QR code) to share prayer requests, find ministries & get plugged in! Through Church Center you can find a complete list of staff & leadership information as well as links to the numerous ministry opportunities we have available.

Visit us at the Connection Center in the lobby if you'd like personal help or have any questions.

*Scan this QR Code to open the Church Center app & don't forget to turn on notifications so you don't miss anything!*



## WHAT IS ADVENT?

Originating from the Latin word meaning “coming” or “arrival,” Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (which this year is November 30th). It's the season when we look back to Christ's first coming, as a baby born in Bethlehem, and look forward to his second coming when he will return to renew and redeem every part of fallen creation.

We have the tendency to forget, and so Advent reminds us that Jesus Christ has come AND will come again. The Advent season is a time to reflect upon the promises of God and to anticipate the fulfillment of those promises. To help us focus on some of the key aspects of Advent, each household is invited to take one copy of this year's **Advent Devotional: 30 Promises of God**.

**NEW HERE?**  
**WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!**

STOP BY THE  
CONNECTION CENTER  
IN THE LOBBY

## WAYS TO SERVE

We're excited to be growing in many areas of ministry here at OroNaz and we'd love to have your help in continuing to serve as many of God's people as possible! Some specific areas we need help include, *children's teachers and classroom support, hospitality team, youth ministry, worship team and sound/technology crew*. Please go through Church Center to fill out a Connection Card and someone will contact you about getting plugged in.



# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

*The Holiday season is an amazing time in our Christian faith to come together in celebration of God's love! Listed below are different opportunities in the coming weeks to fellowship, serve, sacrifice and worship together. Please pray over these events and participate as God leads you.*

**JESUS NIGHTS WORSHIP: Tomorrow, 7pm** at Clean Slate Church in Palermo.

**DROP & SHOP: Saturday, Dec 13th 9am-noon.** Volunteers needed in childcare, wrappings gifts, or you if you can't participate in person, please consider a financial donation that will go toward gifts for children and food items for those in our Oroville community. More info and sign-ups at the Connection Center.

**WHOLE CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Saturday, Dec 13th at noon.** All are welcome for this time for fellowship and connection with soups, bread and desserts provided.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Tuesday, Dec 24th at 5pm.** Come for a time of singing your favorite Christmas songs in anticipation of our Savior's birth and enjoy some cookies, cider and coco before you head home.

**WESLEYAN COVENANT SERVICE: Thursday January 1st, at 6pm.** Begin 2026 with this traditional time of self-examination, reflection, and renewing covenant with God.

**MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2025:** If you have been praying about a special year-end financial gift to put toward the mission of God's work here at OroNaz, we appreciate your careful consideration and along with you, we are excited to see what God is going to do in 2026 and beyond! To receive a tax credit for your contribution in 2025, it must be in the Sunday morning offering by December 28th, as an online gift on or before December 31st, or post-marked by December 31st. Thank you in advance for your investment in the kingdom of God through the ministry of OroNaz!

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING**, 8am in the Prayer Room, open to all.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES**, 9am, in the Fellowship Hall and Room 117.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**, 10am, in the Sanctuary.

**PURE DESIRE MEN'S GROUP**, Mondays, 6:30-8pm, Pastor's Conference Room.

**YOUTH GROUP**, Tuesdays 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room.

**PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM**, Wednesdays, Noon, [OroNaz.org/prayer](http://OroNaz.org/prayer).

**SERENITY 12-STEP RECOVERY**, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

**DISCIPLED BY JESUS PRAYER MEETING**, Thursdays, 6-7am, in the Fellowship Hall.

**CAME TO BELIEVE RECOVERY**, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

## PRAYER EMPHASIS

We have a prayer emphasis during *Prayers of the People* in our worship gatherings and encourage you to continue in that focus throughout the week.

**The Prayer Room** (in the lobby) is open before and after Sunday morning worship. This is available to everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We have people there after Sunday morning worship services who can pray with you and for you, or you can use this space quietly on your own. God is ready to hear anything you have to say.

## FINANCIAL CONNECTION

You can give your tithes & offerings **in person** Sunday morning in the offering bags/boxes or mail/drop-off at the church office, **on our website** ([OroNaz.org/give](http://OroNaz.org/give)), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

*All loose offering collected on the first Sunday of the month goes to support Local Compassionate Ministry.*

Week 40 Updated 12/3/25

Needed Year to Date	\$ 490,168
Giving Year to Date	\$ 483,100
Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 425,343

*Our staff, CLT, and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at [Finance@OroNaz.org](mailto:Finance@OroNaz.org) to start a conversation.*

*View the Full Financial Connection and more info at [OroNaz.org/finances](http://OroNaz.org/finances)*

**Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at [OroNaz.org/leadership](http://OroNaz.org/leadership)**

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**Pastors and Staff Available Monday-Thursday**

WiFi Info: OroNaz\_Guest Password: LoveJesus



Pastor Darlene Franks

December 7, 2025

**This second week of Advent we focus in on the coming of Jesus – our Perfect Peace – The Prince of Peace!**

*Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*

*Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.*

*Luke 2:14 (NIV) Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

John 14:27 (NIV) *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

“We don’t need to perfectly understand a perfect plan when we walk in the way of a perfect Savior.” Ruth Chou Simons

Colossians 1:20 (NIV) *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Ephesians 2:14-16 (MSG) *Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.*